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**Auckland Island DXpedition
February 6 - 15, 1988**

After almost one year of preparation, our group left Auckland city on February bound for ZL9. We all flew by Air New Zealand to Invercargill New Zealand and were met by Roy ZL6BO, Brian ZL4LZ and Bert ZL4IG. The ZL4 boys took good care of us over the next three days. During this period we purchased food, fuel etc and hired tables, chairs and camping equipment, generators (two) and also finalized our landing permit with the New Zealand Conservation Department.

Finally on Thursday morning the fourth of February we departed Invercargill and set off to "Bluff" about 18 miles south (right at the bottom of the South Island of New Zealand). The large truck loaned us by Roy ZL4BO was overloaded with all our equipment. We arrived at Bluff without problems and located our chartered fishing boat "Savanna". After loading our supplies on board and presenting Captain Ian Leask with a check we all spent the next few hours sightseeing around Bluff. Captain Leask had decided we should depart Bluff at 11:30 pm (Thursday night). This would allow us to arrive at our destination at dawn on Saturday and also avoid the seaman's tradition of not leaving port on a Friday. Seems this is a no-no hi.

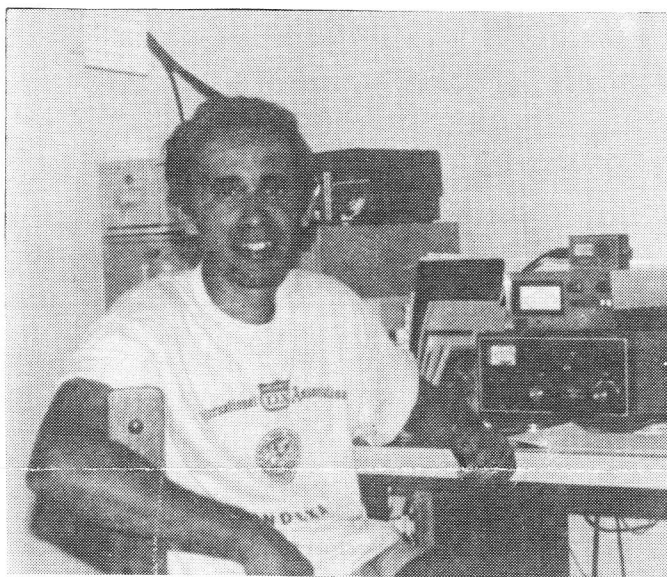
The next 30 hours most of us prefer to forget. Although the sea was fairly calm, we were all very sea sick and all thoes in our party of seven remained below decks in our bunks. The Captain and his crew of three were very professional and the Savanna was extremely suitable for this type of trip. As planned we saw Auckland Island come into view on Saturday morning and were welcomed by many seals.

Taking our equipment ashore was a long drawn out operation - using a small dinghy. The weather was fine and the sea was very flat - again extreme luck. Our camp site on Enberby Island was on an area over looking Sandy Bay. It took about 6 hours to set up our camp (the kitchen, hut, sleeping area and of course three separate amateur stations plus three triband yagis and the low band antennas. This operation went along so smoothly there is not much to tell you about. Most days the bands were not very useful until about 0300Z except on 2 or 3 days the 28 MHz band opened up for us about 2200Z.

We finished the ZL9 operation on February 15 with 20,000 QSOs logged across all the bands 28-26-21-16-10.1-3.8-1.8 MHz. It was necessary to allow 3 to 4 hours to break camp and repack equipment and be ready to depart early the next morning. We left the island about 2000Z February 15. Again good weather and a kind sea. Bluff Harbor (NZ) cam up on the horzision about 27 hours later. Our truck was waitin - so once again all went very smoothly

I would like to thank the many USA Clubs and individual hams whose support made this DXpedition possible. The QSLs should be available in April.

Fernando de Noronha



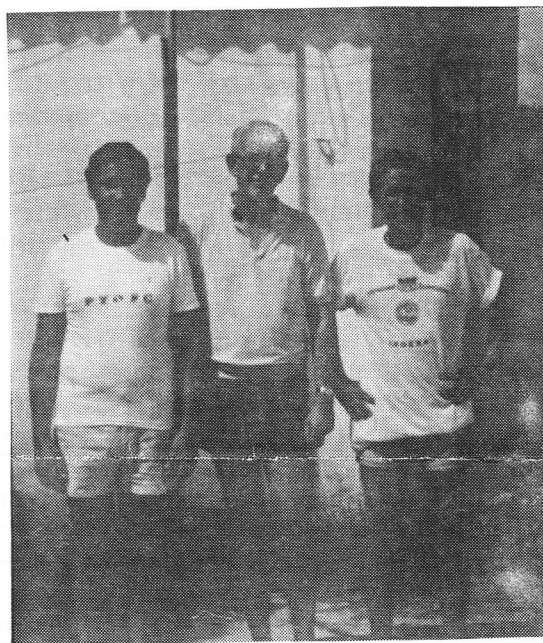
Bill, W9VA, recently journeyed to Fernando de Noronha to operate the contest using his Brizilian call PY1ZFO/Ø. He was nice enough to agree to hand carry an Ameritron amplifier and shirts to Andre, PYØFF for us.

Bill writes, as you know I was the guest operator at Andre's station for the ARRL Phone DX Contest. I used the amplifier during the contest and it certainly helped my QSO count of about 2200. It would have been higher but the Fernando de Noronha power company decided to pick that weekend for their annual lines maintenance and power was off for ten hours on Saturday and six more on Sunday. This was not a total loss as it gave me time to explore the island and to socialize with Andre and some of his friends and family.

Andre expresses his gratitude to INDEXA for the amplifier and the shirt. In addition to the photo of Andre (above) at his station I have enclosed a photo of Andre with Jim, PYØFC/PY7XC, on the right and myself, W9VA/PY1ZFO, in the middle (right). Jim lives in Recife but happened to be staying on the island for several weeks at the time of my visit.

I have been involved with Brazil business-wise since 1980 and spent several years living in Rio de Janeiro. I speak, read and write reasonable Portuguese. Please let me know whenever I can be of further help to INDEXA.

When you hear Bill on you might thank him for his efforts on behalf of INDEXA and amateurs world wide who will now have a chance to work Andre with his 1 KW signal.



Bill Bennett, W7PHO, has sponsored a new member. Gennady Kolmakov, UA9MA, has recently become member number 1018. I mention this partially to say thanks to Bill and secondly to lead into my next comment. As most of you are aware the USSR has loosened many restrictions recently. Among them is the restriction regarding Callbook addresses. Probably the 1990 Callbook will carry many addresses for individual Russian amateurs. At the same time they are beginning to relax travel restrictions and make it easier for them to travel outside of the Soviet Union. INDEXA has began exploring the possibility of some type of Soviet-Anglo operation. Ideally the operation would be to a country that it has been difficult for us to obtain permission to operate.

QSL Routes and Changes

9X5AA, TA1A and YB1AQC via W4FRU

D68MG via W3DJZ

DJ9ZB address change to : P.O.Box 150
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Election Results

Once again Eva, PY2PE, was elected chairperson with the remainder of the nominees being elected/re-elected to office. Remember these are only the officers that came up for election this year.

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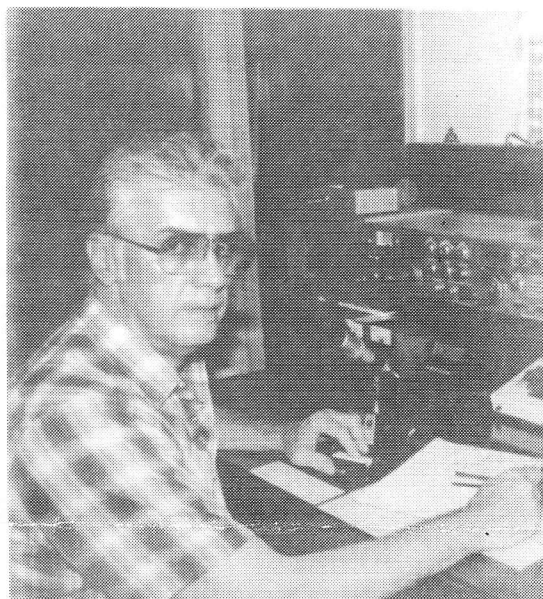
Al N3CBM

Here is Al, N3CBM. I am sure most of you have heard him on at one time or another as one of our netcontrollers.

Al is 52 years old, has been married for 30 years and has three grown children.

He has been employed at Bethlehem Steel as a steelworker and metallurgist for over 35 years.

Al says his big "love" right now is DX and he also enjoys cw. The equipment is all Kenwood and consists of a TS830s, TS440s, SB221 linear, KLM KT34a, Butternut vertical and various dipoles.



Congratulations Arnie Kristofferson! LA8CJ is now the DX editor for NRRL (same as the ARRL) in Norway. He stays busy as our director in Europe but says he can handle both jobs. He will continue to contribute articles to the LADX Group publication "Buggin" where he has given much space for INDEXA.

* LA1000 amplifier sent to D68MG

* Tribander used by ZL1AMO on the Auckland Island operation was sent by Ron to ZL7AA

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